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### **BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2014**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Chair Ben Beitin at 9:45 a.m., in the Hudson Room 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair*  
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liason)*  
Jose Perez, LMFT, *Vice-Chair* (left at 12:15 p.m.)  
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liason)*  
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Alyson Smith, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member* (arrived at 10:00 a.m.)  
Jennifer W. Plungis, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Mia Sena, *Board Member* (arrived at 10:55 a.m.)

##### **Absent:**

Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*

##### **Also in attendance:**

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*  
Jodi Krugman, *Deputy Attorney General*  
Rachel Glasgow, *Regulatory Analyst*  
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*  
Michela Ross, *Government Representative*  
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

#### ***Announcement of Quorum***

Board Chair, Ben Beitin announced a quorum is present at 9:46 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **A. October 9, 2014 Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners Public Minutes**

*Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board members present voted to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 public meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as amended. Voting in favor: Edward Reading, Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, Lorraine Barry, Jennifer Plungis, Alyson Smith, Michelle Weinberg. Johanna Klena abstained. The motion passed.*

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*The following members of the public were present but did not comment:*

A. Rhoda Ondov

### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

*Nothing to report.*

### **VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

#### **A. Senate Bill 3224**

The Board members present reviewed Senate Bill 3224. This Bill seeks to establish a Behavioral Insurance Claims Advocacy Program. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members present voted to table this until its December 11, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

#### **B. Senate Bill 2373**

The Board members present reviewed Senate Bill 2373. This Bill seeks to require the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to annually prepare, and make available to the public, a substance abuse treatment provider performance report. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members present voted to table this until its December 11, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

#### **C. Senate Bill 2375**

The Board members present reviewed Senate Bill 2375. This Bill seeks to provide for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members present voted to table this until its December 11, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

#### **D. Senate Bill 2377**

The Board members present reviewed Senate Bill 2377. This Bill directs certain four-year public institutions of higher education to establish substance abuse recovery housing program. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members present voted to table this until its December 11, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

**E. Senate Bill 2378**

The Board members present reviewed Senate Bill 2378. This Bill seeks to extend “Overdose Prevention Act” immunity provisions to certain professionals and professional entities, and permits needle exchange programs to obtain standing order for opioid antidote dispensation. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Edward Reading, the Board members present voted to table this until its December 11, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

**F. Assembly Bill 3804**

The Board members present reviewed Assembly Bill 3804. This Bill seeks to require State agencies to periodically review administrative rules and regulations to ensure continued efficacy. *Upon motion by Jose Perez, seconded by Johanna Klena, the Board members present voted not support this Bill because the Bill is repetitive, these procedures are already in practice, and it is hard to quantify. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

**G. Assembly Bill 3863**

The Board members present reviewed Assembly Bill 3863. This Bill seeks to establish licensure for associate marriage and family therapists. *Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Ketrin Saud-Maxwell, the Board members present voted to support this Bill with the following condition: that the initial associate license be valid for a period of two (2) years and renewable twice, making the associate marriage and family therapist license valid for a total of six (6) years. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Nothing to report.*

**VIII. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS**

*Nothing to report.*

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. MFT Regulations Committee**

*The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners regulations sub-committee has finished its initial review of the regulations and DAG Glasgow will present the draft language to the regulations sub-committee for its initial review.*

**B. Alcohol and Drug Counselors**

*The Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee regulations sub-committee is continuing the process to discuss proposed regulation changes in advance of Sunset in 2016.*

**C. Professional Counselors**

*The Professional Counselors regulations sub-committee has finished its initial review of the regulations and DAG Glasgow will present the draft language to the regulations sub-committee for its initial review. It was also reported that the FAQs have been approved by the Committee and will be submitted for posting on the Committee’s website.*

**D. E-therapy/Internet Counseling Sub-Committee**

*Nothing to report.*

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report.*

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report.*

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **December 11, 2014** at **9:30 a.m.**, Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**2014 Meeting Dates:**

December 11, 2014

**2015 Meeting Dates:**

January 8, 2015	July 9, 2015
February 12, 2015	August - <i>meeting canceled</i>
March 12, 2015	September 10, 2015
April 9, 2015	October 8, 2015
May 14, 2015	November 12, 2015
June 11, 2015	December 10, 2015

**XIII. APPLICATION REVIEW**

**A. THREE YEAR TEMPORARY PERMITS APPROVED**

*Upon motion by Ben Beitin, seconded by Jennifer Plungis, the Board voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.*

1. Anneka Dockery
2. Jason W. Lang
3. Diane L. Mussoline
4. Akilah E. Robinson
5. Christian P. Santana

**B. EXAMINATION APPROVAL**

1. Allison Roosevelt

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board members present moved to Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Johanna Klena, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourn the November 13, 2014 at 1:22 p.m. Voting in favor: all members present. The motion passed.*